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SUBJECT: THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS

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1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONCLUDED 15 MINUTE MEETING AT 1915 JANUARY 7 WITH DECISION TO RESIGN. MORO PROCEEDED TO QUIRINALE WHERE HE TENDERED RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT LEONE. LEONE TOOK IT UNDER ADVISEMENT, ASKING MORO TO STAY ON FOR ORDINARY ADMINISTRATION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PROCEDURE), BUT DEFERRED UNTIL JANUARY 12 INITIATION OF HIS ROUNDS OF CONSULTATION ON WHAT IS TO BE DONE. OFFICIAL INTENT OF DELAY IS TO GIVE THE PARTIES TIME TO CONSULT WITHIN AND AMONG THEMSELVES.

2. ALL MAJOR PARTIES ARE SCHEDULING MEETINGS BEFORE THEN; THE DC DIRECTORATE WILL MEET JANUARY 9. (MORO HAD PREVIOUSLY MET WITH THE SECRETARIES OF THE DC, PSDI, AND PRI TO INFORM THEM OF HIS INTENTION.)

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3. COMMENT: A "CRISIS IN THE DARK" (CRISI AL BUIO) WHICH

MOST PARTIES HAVE ALWAYS INSISTED WAS THE ONE THING TO AVOID, HAS BEGUN. AT THIS POINT, ITS PROBABLE LENGTH OR OUTCOME IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WITH ANY DEGREE OF CERTAINTY. MOST INFORMED COMMENT BOILS DOWN TO A SIMPLE DISJUNCTIVE: EITHER THE PSI WILL BE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GREAT CONCESSIONS THE DC IS REPORTEDLY PREPARED TO MAKE TO GET IT TO ABANDON ITS INSISTENCE ON OPEN PCI SUPPORT -- IF ONLY EXTERNAL AND NON-NEGOTIATED -- FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT, OR IT WILL NOT. IF NOT, EARLY ELECTIONS WILL BECOME INEVITABLE.

4. THE COMPROMISE ACHIEVED WITH MANCINI ON THE WORDING OF THE REFERENCE TO THE PCI IN THE PSI DIRECTORATE DOCUMENT HAS SPARKED SOME HOPE THAT THE PSI WILL RELENT. IN THE DOCUMENT THE PSI INSISTS THAT THE PCI "CONTRIBUTION" (L'APPORTO), RATHER THAN "SUPPORT" (APPOGGIO), NOT BE REFUSED "IN A PRE-JUDICIAL MANNER." HOWEVER, IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO THE DIRECTORATE, WHICH WAS ALSO APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, DEMARTINO CALLED FOR ACCEPTANCE OF "EXTERNAL OF PCI SUPPORT," AND EVEN ARGUED THAT IT SHOULD BE "SOUGHT." VOLPE

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